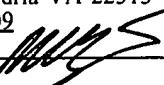




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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Advisory Action, mailed 3rd June 2009, following Applicants' Response after Final to the Examiner's Final Office action mailed 17th March, 2009, in the above-referenced application.

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three (3)-month extension of time within which to respond to the Final Office action dated 17th March, 2009, such extension allowing the undersigned until 17th September, 2009 to respond.